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C. P. C. To Hold Meeting Jan. 26

The first meeting of the Central Planning Committee will be held at the town hall on Jan. 26, at 8 p. m.

This is the first official meeting of the newly organized group, following the organizational meeting held in December.

Notices will be mailed to all organizations who have signified their intention of joining the CPC and to those groups who sent representatives to the first meeting.

A number of names have been added to the original list, and it is expected that the membership will go well over twenty for the meeting.

It is expected that any organization in town who has not placed a representative on the CPC will do so for the next month.

Men's Bible Class Hears Prof. H. Morse

Prof. H. H. Morse spoke to the Men's Sunday School Bible class on "The Validity of Our Gospels," Edgar J. Livingston was host to the class at his home.

Present were: Cortland Finch, Jr., J. Austin Daly, R. W. Brown, Gaylord W. Douglass, Charles Olds, Hubert Eastman, George H. Sheldon, Ralph Sargent, Owen Stacy, W. J. Krist, Dr. George A. Bronson, the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Robert Barnes, Arthur Bolton, Grove W. Deming, Unto Hantunen, and Stanley Smolen.

Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston, Mrs. Joseph Reeves, Mrs. J. Austin Daly, and Miss Leah Hannon prepared and served refreshments.

Knitting Needs?
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Pioneer Valley To Hold Birthday Party

Members of 70 city and town committees of the Pioneer Valley Association's special Tenth Anniversary Membership campaign will launch their drive on the evening of February 17 at a "birthday party banquet" in the Hotel Northampton in Northampton, the Association announced today.

George H. Bean, author of the best-selling "Yankee Auctioneer," will deliver the keynote address.

George V. Wallace, Jr., president of the Hauley Falls Trust Co., of Holyoke and 1948 president of the association, will present a report on the Association's 10 year development.

Details of the special birthday party entertainment will be announced as soon as plans are completed, Miss Shoemaker said.

All members of the Association are invited to the business meeting and entertainment at 7:30 p. m., in the Hotel Northampton's ball room. They also may attend the banquet by obtaining tickets, in advance from Association headquarters in the Northampton Bank Building, Northampton.

John Webber, Former Local Boy, in Brazil

John Webber, a former student of our local schools and a graduate of Mount Hermon, is now employed by the government of Brazil, where he is an associate Professor of Meteorology at the New Aeronautics Institute of Technology of Brazil.

When a new school, modeled after our own M. I. T., is opened in Sao Jose, dos Campos, Webber will teach meteorology in Portuguese. The government will also furnish him with an 8 room house. At the present time he is living in the home of a Brazilian, in the Copacabana area of Rio de Janeiro. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wolfert Webber are now living in Amherst.

"God's Green Acres" Cited By Speaker

More than 50 men of the Northfield Brotherhood gathered in the vestry of the Congregational Church on Tuesday for the annual civic forum night, with vice-president Lester White presiding.

Guests of the evening were the three selectmen of the town, Chairman Ernest A. Parker, George H. Sheldon and George W. Carr, along with the Chairman of the Franklin County commissioners, Samuel U. Streeter of Greenfield.

Sheldon, in speaking of roads, revealed that Northfield has the same amount of money to maintain the same length of roads as they did in the 1930's, and emphasized that one of three things must be done if we are to overcome the difficulties that face us in the future, namely, "appropriate more money, do with less maintenance, or buy machinery."

George W. Carr estimated that the town has spent \$64,023 for old age assistance and aid to dependent children during the past year. Carr also told the men's group that 123 bills relating to old age assistance and aid to dependent children are now before the new legislature.

Commissioner Streeter, opening his informal address by calling the Pioneer Valley area, "God's Green Acres," urged that we should "look and strive hard for the tourist trade."

Streeter also went on to explain the functions and varied duties of the County Commissioners, and dealt with relationships existing between town and county in so far as the maintenance of roads is concerned. At the same time he said that, "modern labor saving devices are needed."

The supper committee consisted of J. Austin Daly, as chairman, Unto Hantunen, Harold Stevens and Horace Huey, with Mrs. E. M. Powell assisting.

"January Varieties" Town Hall, Jan. 29

The Northfield P. T. A. is sponsoring a "January Varieties" at the town hall on January 29.

Tickets will be on sale and are available from all pupils of the schools.

The program being produced by the school children and sponsored by the P. T. A. is now in active preparation. A number of committee heads have been appointed including, Mrs. George Sheldon in charge of ushers; Paul Thompson, Tickets; Mrs. George Leonard, programs.

The ways and means committee composed of Chairman Alvin Porter, Paul Thompson, Mrs. George Sheldon and Mrs. George Leonard is arranging the show.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carr, and family, are visiting here from California.

The Rev. Lester White, Alumni secretary at Mt. Hermon, is leaving soon on a tour of the country.

WEATHER STATION REPORT

Temperatures reported from the weather station on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls:

Date	Min.	Max.
Jan. 13	14	32
Jan. 14	25	37
Jan. 15	9	38
Jan. 16	10	36
Jan. 17	36	64
Jan. 18	27	47
Jan. 19	25	48

KILLED IN CRASH

Hubert A. Holloway, 38, of this town was killed instantly when his car crashed into a tree in Vernon, Vt.

The accident occurred at about 2:30 this morning, January 21. Holloway was alone at the time.

He worked at the Hinsdale Paper Company and was a charter member of the Northfield Post 9874, VFW. Arrangements for funeral services will be announced later.

Northfield Weather Reporting Station

Northfield can now boast of a full fledged weather reporting station. This facility, complete with the necessary scientific instruments, was recently presented to the Northfield School for Girls by Mr. and Mrs. Leander Kirk. Mr. Kirk was formerly a member of the Mount Hermon faculty and had the station built to standard government specifications for local weather reporting stations. The station is now being managed by Mr. George Partridge of the Science department of Northfield School for Girls and he is being assisted by a corps of twelve girls and several faculty members.

Readings are taken three times a day and a permanent record is kept. It is possible that arrangements may be made to report the data to the Government Weather Bureau, but at the present time it will be available to local residents through the courtesy of the Northfield Press which will carry weekly reports. The data which will be available through the station will include maximum temperature, minimum temperature, rainfall, snowfall, relative humidity, and barometric pressure.

Mr. Partridge stresses the fact that this is strictly a facility to report facts and not to predict weather conditions. Weather prediction is based on the data reported from thousands of weather stations over a large area.

Northfield Post 9874 On The Air 4:45, Sat.

Unto Hantunen of the Northfield Post, 9874 of the V. F. W., will be the speaker on the forthcoming broadcast by the local post over station WHAI, 4:45, Saturday, Jan. 22.

This is the 102nd in the weekly series entitled "Speak Up For Democracy" sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

4:45 this Saturday, WHAI.

Elect New Officers For Teachers Club

The Teachers club elected the following officers at their Jan. 13 meeting: Mrs. Virginia S. Haack, president; Miss Nellie Dearstyne, vice-president; Miss Elizabeth Bralley, secretary; Miss Beryl Stinson, treasurer.

Dr. F. Wilton Dean spoke on "The Movement for Socialized Medicine in this Country."

Mr. and Mrs. George Leonard, and Miss Evelyn Lawley served refreshments.

Public Forum Town Hall, Jan. 27

The Central Planning Committee will sponsor a public forum at the town hall, Jan. 27, 8 p. m.

The Forum is open to all, particularly voters of the town, for the purposes of discussing questions that will be presented at the Town meeting, Feb. 7.

A number of points such as a swimming pool for the town, regional consolidation of high schools, etc., will be brought before the town in order that a clearer picture be secured for the town meeting.

Public Forum, Town Hall, 8 p. m., Jan. 27.

To Confer With Gov. On Hospital Issue

Dr. John W. Bennett, Commander of the Northfield Post 9874, and Selectman Frank C. Keegan of Greenfield, were named by the Franklin County veterans organizations to confer with Governor Paul A. Dever, and present to His Excellency the following points as drawn up by the assembled veterans of the county:

1. That the Veterans Hospital and Home in Holyoke shall be divided as to Hospital and Domiciliary care in such a manner that there shall be at least one hundred and fifty hospital beds available, and no more than fifty domiciliary beds.
2. That the veterans hospital and home in Holyoke give priority to veterans from the Western part of Massachusetts and that said hospital shall consider applications of veterans from the Eastern part of the state only if no applications are pending by veterans from the Western Massachusetts section.
3. That immediate action be taken to instigate legislation for the appropriation of sufficient funds to complete said hospital and domiciliary home and further the construction of suitable housing for the staff of said hospital and home.
4. And that the Attorney General's office be instructed to give an immediate and clear opinion on the exact duties and powers of the board of trustees of said hospital.

A vote of full confidence by the Franklin County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and the Marine Corps League, was given to the two delegates in their negotiations with the Governor.

Nature Note

A report from our Huckle Hill observer indicates the dither our feathered friends find themselves in due to the usual unusual weather of New England. He reports that he has seen a HYLOTOMUS (or PHLOETOMUS) PILEATUS flying in his (or her) usual springtime direction. This bird, flying low, along the same rut (or route) is seen in these parts only in the early fall or spring.

The North American Hylotomus, not unlike a large type crow, is a red head, black and white in color, with a hard pointed nose.

Just in event some of our readers are not familiar with the HYLOTOMUS (or PHLOETOMUS) PILEATUS — well — it's just a noisy, noisy Pileated Woodpecker — a habitat of Huckle Hill.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 21.
Basketball game at Bernardston.
- January 22.
VFW broadcast, WHAI, 4:45 p. m. Unto Hantunen, speaker.
- January 25.
Legion meeting, 8 p. m. Town hall.
- January 26.
Basketball game, town hall, 3:30 p. m.
Central Planning Committee meeting, town hall, 8 p. m.
- January 27.
Open Forum sponsored by CPC. Town hall, 8 p. m. All voters urged to attend.
- January 28.
Vernon Men's Club Supper. Dancing following.
Community Club No. 4 Dance.
- January 29.
"January Varieties" sponsored by P. T. A. town hall, 8 p. m.
- February 1.
Legion Auxiliary Baked Ham supper and rummage sale. Town hall 6 to 7 p. m.
- February 2.
VFW meeting, 8 p. m. School-house.
- February 2.
WSO meeting Alexander hall, 8 p. m.
- February 7.
TOWN MEETING.
- February 10.
Public supper, Congregational Church vestry.

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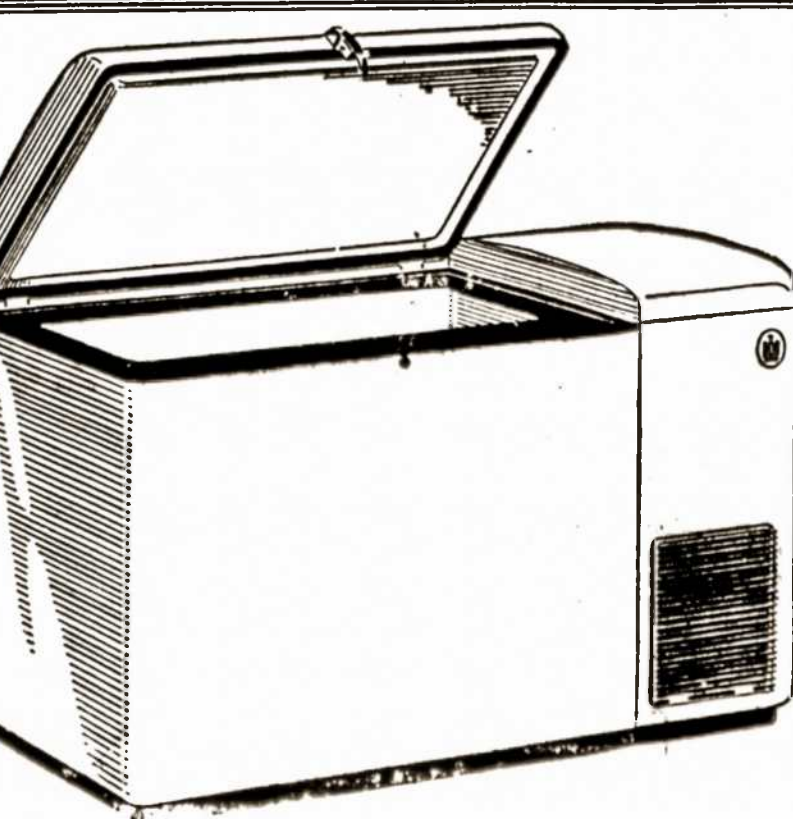
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Birthday Anniversary

Max Huber, well-known interior decorator and fresco painter of Northfield is quietly observing his eighty-sixth birthday on the 27th of this month. Knowing Mr. Huber as a modest man, we believe he would consider a birthday as just another day in his busy life, and he would be definitely opposed to newspaper comment about his accomplishments.

However, we feel that he is to be congratulated. We know there are others like Max Huber who live quietly in our midst and can look back upon many years of outstanding accomplishments. We believe their birthdays should be suitably noted.

Mr. Huber was born in Norwich, Connecticut, in 1863 and as your history books tell you, that was during Lincoln's administration. He became an apprentice painter when most people would have considered him a mere child. In those days, a good painter was an artist and Mr. Huber soon developed the techniques of his trade to a high degree so that he became known as one of the outstanding fresco painters of southern New England. He did much of the design and decoration of interiors in our churches and theatres in the first part of the century.

He looks back with pride on the work which was done for Commodore Vanderbilt, the Belmonts, the Conants, and many other prominent people who built fine homes in the Newport and Watch Hill areas of Rhode Island.

Max Huber has been a citizen of this town and carried on his business here for nearly a half century. He is healthy and strong, shows an active interest in local and national affairs, and keeps in intimate touch with his children and grandchildren. He is not retired — even now doing some light work for his friends. He resides with his son, Fred, on Meadow street of this town.

As neighbors and friends, we salute you, Max Huber, and wish you many more happy birthdays.

WSO and VFW Meet

More than 50 VFW and WSO members and guests were present for the first meeting in the new quarters in West Northfield on Jan. 19.

Following an informal meeting and discussion a buffet supper was served.

Tom Hurley acting as auctioneer sold the remaining food and cake to the members.

The committee in charge was composed of: Mott P. Gushie, Mark Wright, Lloyd Clark, Ed Luciw and William Tibbets.

Sage Chapel Speakers

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will be guest preacher at the Unitarian Church in Germantown, Pa., Sunday Jan. 23.

Guest preachers at the Northfield Schools Sunday, January 23, will be Rev. Robert L. Curry, headmaster of the Lenox School in Lenox, Mass., in Russell Sage Chapel at 11:00 a. m. and Dr. A. Grant Noble, chaplain at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a. m.

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Almanac

We learn less wisdom from what is told us than from what we observe.

JANUARY

23—Edward VII became king of England, 1901.

23—United Mine Workers of America formed, 1890.

24—Morse exhibited telegraph, 1838.

25—First telephone call, 1876.

26—American commonwealths founded, 1793.

28—Japan signs surrender, 1945.

28—Spain begins throne of Germany, 1931.

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(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

"Tribute"

California, January, 1949
Dear Northfield Friends:

The ever welcome Northfield Press brought a great surprise to me, as in the same edition, I read of the passing of two of Northfield's most prominent women—Mrs. Maud Montague and Miss Fanny C. Hatch. While Northfield has had some very fine women in its history, none were more beloved than these two who have gone out together. Mrs. Montague and Miss Hatch were very different personalities; but having many fine characteristics in common. They were champions of every high interest in our town; were never too busy to serve in what ever cause they were asked to aid; gave not only of their financial assistance, but gave themselves unstintingly. Each in her own way did much to further the cause of friendship and cooperation between the two Congressional Churches.

While it was not my privilege to know them intimately, still through the twenty-two years of my residence in Northfield, I saw these two women as shining lights in our community. What an influence for the young women following to emulate such characters as Mrs. Maud Montague and Miss Fanny Hatch whom everyone loved.

Mary Andrews Conner.



by Gertrude C. Whitney

Since some of the beauty spots of the world are your garden and mine in imagination, let us peep into a little Bavarian village where my son is located under orders from Uncle Sam. It happens to be the recreation center for the American zone, in fact it was the site of the Olympic games several years ago.

My son and his family are staying temporarily in a hotel overlooking a little lake where they skate. The village lies in a fertile valley flanked by towering snow-clad mountains which are a continual delight in their changing moods. My son's wife writes: "Our hotel gets a lot of the Berlin Airlift flyers. They are a devil-may-care lot, full of fun and noise and they really need the relaxation, for when they are on duty they have long, straining hours of work." Further she writes, "I climbed down the mountain and walked across a 'patchwork' field to come the back way down to the post office."

In my mind's eye, I can see the "patchwork" panorama from the further end of Mt. Tom in Easthampton, with its orderly patches of green and brown fields. In fact, I rather think these squared fields gave the Smith College girls the inspiration for their favorite toothsome delight, "ploughed field" (P. F. for short), now claimed by Wellesley as its own particular brand.

I seem to be getting far a-field, but my son's description of the town is worth quoting: "You probably have seen travel pictures of Bavaria. It looks just the same. This morning the farmers were in town smoking their long pipes, with their colorful green jackets and hats with feathers in them. Ox carts rumbled through the narrow street and in general it is like a scene from a movie."

This carries me back to my first trip to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, when but a child of twelve. The streets were full of Ox teams and the drivers were busy giving directions — "Whoa" or "Back" — "Gee" or "Haw" — sometimes all four directions were excitedly run together when the traffic was too congested. In those days, all vehicles turned out to the left, English style. This was long before the advent of the automobile.

School Activities

Northfield High School News
Good Government Day

Friday, Jan. 14, was Good Government Day at Northfield High School. Elections for choosing nominees for state senator and state representative from this district were held under the direction of the Civics class. Nomination papers with the required number of student signatures were submitted by Vera Allen, Joseph Blimon, Jr., Albert F. Clough, Chester Gaida and Russell Hutchins for the office of representative. Nomination papers on the behalf of the candidates of Russell Fisher, Edward Parsons, Richard Sechrist, and Richard Whitney were also submitted. In the election, Richard Whitney was nominated as the candidate for senator and Joseph Blimon, Jr. as the candidate for representative. Both students are members of the senior class.

An election will be conducted in a few weeks to determine the district representatives and senator from the candidates nominated by the high schools of the respective representative and senatorial districts. The winners of these contests will travel to Boston in March or April to join with the other high school winners to run the state for a day.

Good Government Day was further celebrated by a very interesting and instructive talk to the student body by Miss Eleanor Davis of the faculty of the Northfield School for Girls. Miss Davis pointed out several ways in which the students of high schools today can best equip themselves to become better citizens, combat communism, and assure better government.

Basketball Basketball enthusiasm is running high since the beginning of the basketball season. The teams are being supported very well by the student body and the adult basketball enthusiasts. The cheering section has grown in popularity to such an extent that four of the boys have now taken up leading cheers while the girls are playing. These are Richard Whitney, Joseph Blimon, Russell Hutchins, and Chester Gaida. A large Northfield delegation is expected to follow the teams to Barnardston on Friday night when both boys and girls will play the teams from Powers Institute in the second game of the King Phillip League. A social hour will follow the game.

VETERANS BULLETIN BOARD

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All claims must be filed at the nearest VA office, within two years from the date of permanent burial. These allowances are payable only to undertakers or to reimburse the person who paid the funeral expenses.

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lish style. This was long before the advent of the automobile.

This set me to thinking how the machine Age has practically removed these strong patient animals from the American Scene.

Some twenty years ago, I was with a party of young folks who chanced to explore an ancient, unoccupied house in Nottingham, New Hampshire. Old Mr. McCrillis had lived a hermit existence there for many years and, in passing, had left an array of empty bottles, broken crockery and what-not. The house showed evidence of class, with its spacious wainscotted rooms. Mounting the large, open attic, we found an ox-yoke, a flaxwheel and a large hand-loom, poignant reminders of a by-gone age.

The ox was more useful than the horse in the early pioneer days, yet I doubt if a single Northfield farmer has worked a team of oxen for many years. It may be that there are some left in Hinsdale and elsewhere in New Hampshire and Vermont. The time to see them, if ever, is at county fairs in the cattle-judging and stone-hauling contests. The tractor and the automobile have almost superseded the horse, too.

Kindly old Dominic has just driven by in his light democrat. His faithful strawberry roan trots carefully down hill with head nodding to the motion of ponderous hooves. This morning a shaggy brown and white pony gaily sets the pace in untrammelled state. When Dominic and Lily (an obvious misnomer) make their daily return trip, Dominic will stop now and then on a hill to give Lily a breathing spell, or to adjust his blanket. I like to see a man kind to his animals — Let's not keep Northfield a "one-horse town"! There's room for a few paying industries, a revival of hand-weaving, for instance, rug-making, or pottery.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Campbell of Devon, Conn., are spending the week at the home of the E. M. Powells. Mr. Campbell is doing research for a thesis on D. L. Moody. Warren Hutchins is critically ill at the White River Junction, Vt. hospital.

Mrs. Horace K. Wright is living with the Dr. Robert Bonner Jacks. Miss Elsie S. Scott is living at the home of Miss Alice Mundee. Carleton K. Finch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cortland R. Finch of Pine street, is the father of a baby daughter.

The Kenhome is being reshingled making a very attractive appearance.

Dr. and Mrs. George A. Bronson received a Christmas card from their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Joel McCrea and their children Jodee and David. Mrs. McCrea is known professionally as Frances Dee.

Lee Sheldon of Northfield has been re-elected President of the Franklin County Selective Breeding Association.

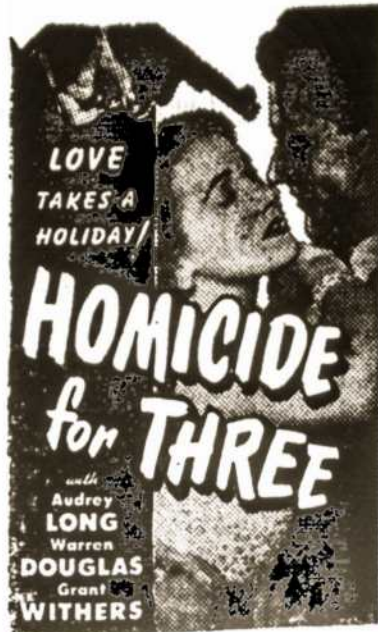
George W. Carr will preside at the Jan. 26 county dairy association meeting in Ashfield.

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New Officers For Community Club

The Community Club No. 8 elected new officers at their meeting last week. They are: Willis K. Parker, president; Donald Truesdell, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Barnes, secretary; Russell Fisher, treasurer; Ernest A. Parker, Philip Mann and Homer Browning, trustees; and Charles Slate, auditor.

Community Club No. 4 Dance, Jan. 28

The Community Club No. 4 will hold another dance on Jan. 28, with the following committee in charge: Albert Rice, Francis Brennan, Robert Shearer, Madeline Mankowsky, Walter Scoble, Agnes Hammond, and Florence Borthwick. Virginia Leach and Mrs. Robert Russell.



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister.

Sunday, January 23,
9:00 Junior Choir rehearsal.
9:55 a. m. Church School
10:00 a. m. Young People's Forum and Men's Bible Class.
11:00 a. m. Public Worship. Sermon subject, "By What Are We Known?" Pre-school age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.
6:30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Marion Berland will lead the devotional service. Fourth in annual series of meetings on "Personal Criticisms."
7:30 p. m. January meeting of the Standing Committee in the vestry.

A meeting of the Church School officers and teachers will be held at the home of Mrs. James Gillespie on Monday evening, Jan. 24.

A public supper will be served in the vestry on Thursday evening, February 10th. Tickets will be on sale soon at the Bookstore and the Aldrich store in East Northfield and at Avery's in Northfield.

Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People will conduct the Sunday morning worship on February 13.

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Rev. Richard G. Schriest, Minister.
Sunday, January 23,
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11:00 a. m. Service and Sermon.

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Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor.
Sunday, January 23,
10:30 a. m. Service and Sermon.
"His Presence"
11:30 a. m. Sunday School.
7:00 p. m. Evening service, prayer and praise.
Wednesday, January 26,
Mid-week prayer service.
Thursday, January 27,
Work meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society.

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Know Your Teachers

Recently it was observed that the citizens of Northfield as a whole know little about the teachers in the public schools. When a teacher is first appointed, a few facts as to his training and his new position are usually published, but these are soon forgotten. New res-

idents do not acquire even that amount of information about the teachers already here. Consequently it has been suggested that a series of biographies be published, one each week, so that the public may become better acquainted with the faculties of the two schools. We are beginning the series this week with the following article

about George Leonard, principal of Northfield High School.
George M. Leonard
Principal George M. Leonard of Northfield High School is a native of Brockton, Mass. It is said that he did not like city life but at the age of five months, changed his residence to the nearby town of Abington. This proved so satisfactory that he remained to receive his elementary and high school education there and entered Bridgewater Teachers College where he received the degree of B. S. in Education in 1937. In the succeeding years he has nearly completed the graduate work required for a Master's degree at Boston University.

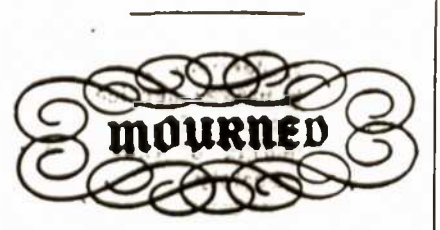
His first position was that of principal of the old Northfield Center School, which seems very primitive when compared with the present building, so it is not surprising that after two years, a position in Paxton attracted him. A few months after he left, however, the old Center School burned down and a new building became a necessity. After two years in Paxton, pleasant memories of Northfield and the job of organizing a centralized school in attractive surroundings lured him back to become principal of Center School again, and he held that position for six years longer. Last year, when the high school was reorganized as a Junior-Senior High School, his choice as principal proved a popular one.

Soon after his return to Northfield he married a Northfield resident and teacher, Mrs. Esther Williams, and he now has a step daughter, Joan Williams, and two small daughters, Call and Susan. Mr. Leonard has shown a great deal of interest in community affairs and is deacon and member of the choir of the Trinitarian Congregational Church, a past president of the Brotherhood, and Past Master of Harmony Lodge of Ma-

sons. During the War he served as Air Raid Warden, a member of the First Aid Corps, and finally as Chief Air Raid Warden. By taking the state census in 1945, he gained a knowledge of the town which has been very valuable in his work. For the past two years, he has served as Park Commissioner, supervising the athletic field.

His hobbies are coin collecting and fixing things that get out of order, and the latter is a great help to his associates. During the summer he raises a garden which assures his family a supply of vegetables for the year.

The leadership of the high school appears to be in very capable hands.



CHARLES WILLIARD WOODIS

Charles Willard Woodis, 72, died at the home of Mr. Philip McNeil, on Highland avenue, Jan. 19, after a long period of illness.

Mr. Woodis was a retired assistant Postmaster of Orange, and had been in Northfield for some time.

He was born in New Salem, Nov. 18, 1876, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Woodis.

Surviving are his wife, Lena; a son, Willard of Lexington; 3 granddaughters, 1 great grandson. Funeral services will be held at the Kidder Funeral Home, Saturday, January 22, at 1:30 p. m. Dr. George A. Bronson will officiate. Burial will be in New Salem.

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CENTER SCHOOL NEWS

In Mrs. Stebbins' room, Grade 2, there was perfect attendance on Jan. 18th for the first time since Nov. 10th.

The monitors for this week in Mrs. Stebbins' room are: Edward Doolittle and Bette Mann, paper; Peggy Streeter and Carol Merrifield; books; Rachel Browning and Peter Scanlon, coat closets; Colleen Barber and Betsy Glazier, library table; Dick Watts and John Black, desks; Jonathan Smith, plants; Terry Aldrich, health inspector.

This room had an excellent spelling test last Friday. The class average was 97.

Mrs. Hatch reports that the Health Record in Grade 2 is very much improved. There is now only one absentee.

The lunchroom inspectors have been Francis Miller, Judy Rice, Arnold Markwell, Bradley Sanborn, Joseph Berube, Warren Clough, Kenneth Stevens, and Kay Lombard.

All of the pupils in Mrs. Holton's room have returned to school except Janet Judd who is still at home with the measles.

Mrs. Stearns reports that the lunchroom inspectors for this week are: Edward Kugler, Gail Livermore, Vincent Mankowski, Edna Schryba, Antoinette Dzelma, Karalee Eastman, Kenneth MacLaughlin, and Charlotte Wood.

Both first grades visited in the fourth grade room on Friday to listen to a musical record brought by Judy Rice and "Little Black Sambo" brought by Joan Merrifield. The fourth grade exhibited "Pet" posters with original rhymes.

Those given special recognition by being posted on the bulletin board in the upper hall were made by David Hiller, Alan Bolton, Judith Severe, Ronald Griswold, Jessie Ann Mroczek, Rita Gibson, William James and Louisa Berube.

The weekly movie was omitted this week and the slidefilm "Railroads at Work" was used in individual classrooms with discussion by the pupils.

Virginia Phelan has returned to school after having the measles. Rita Gibson assisted in the first grade room while practice for the Variety show was going on.

For reporting on five books the following members of the sixth grade have received reading certificates: Florin Andrew, Marie Clark, Paul Jordan, Stephen Matosky, Douglas Pearsall, Janice Randall, Arlen Sibley and Alice Wood.

Arlene Provost has moved to South Vernon.

Ronald Zabko with his parents flew from Westfield to Syracuse, N. Y., to visit his grandmother last week end.

The sixth grade are observing Thrift Week which begins on Benjamin Franklin's birthday, January 17, by reading of Franklin's early life and later accomplishments, learning his proverbs and making a booklet about him.

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Basketball SCOREBOARD

Having split two practice games with Hinsdale (N. H.) high school, Northfield went down to defeat in the first official game played at the Town Hall, Jan. 14, by a score of 21-17.

The Northfield girls then put on a high powered display of scoring and defeated the Hinsdale girls, 55-48. For the losing team Carolyn Lees scored 42 points. Summaries: HINSDALE — Miner, lf, 1-0-2; Butler, lf, 0-0-0; Fecto, rf, 1-1-3; Moore, rf, 0-0-0; Durnford, c, 3-4-10; Field, c, 0-0-0; Etheridge, lf, 0-0-0; Hildreth, rg, 1-0-3; Bokum, rg, 1-0-2; Blouin, rg, 1-0-2; totals 85-21.

NORTHFIELD — Hutchins, rg, 0-0-0; Parsons, lg, 0-0-0; R. Whitney, lg, 0-0-0; Allen, lg, 0-0-0; Bilmon, c, 4-0-8; W. Whitney, rf, 1-0-2; Kenney, rf, 0-0-0; Severance, lf, 3-1-7; totals, 81-17.

Score by periods: 1 2 3 4
Hinsdale 5 11 3 2-21
Northfield 2 0 11 4-17
Referee—Putala.

NORTHFIELD GIRLS—Mankowski, lf, 12-0-24; Whitney, rf, 11-0-22; Allen, cf, 3-3-9; Browning, cg, 0-0-0; Carter, lg, 0-0-0; Mello, rg, 0-0-0; Holton, rg, 0-0-0; totals, 26-3-55.

HINSDALE GIRLS—Jasienowski, rg, 0-0-0; Kerrylow, lg, 0-0-0; Graegen, cg, 0-0-0; Roy, cg, 0-0-0; Lapointe, cf, 0-0-0; Cousins, rf, 3-0-6; Lees, lf, 21-0-42; totals, 24-0-48.

Score by periods: 1 2 3 4
Northfield Girls 13 19 8 15-55
Hinsdale Girls 12 18 10 8-48
Referee—Dorchester.
Umpire—Whyard.

Thayer high school of Winchester, N. H. defeated Northfield High School last Tuesday.

After pulling up to a tie score in the second period, Northfield found its zone defense penetrated and Thayer went on to win by a score of 41-24.

In the preliminary game the Northfield girls lost to the Thayer girls 28-19. The Summaries:

THAYER — Barden, lf, 7-3-17; Shultz, rf, 2-0-4; Manning, rf, 0-0-0; Juniper, rf, 0-0-0; Thompson, c, 1-1-3; Swett, c, 1-0-2; Baker, lg, 4-1-9; Fosdick, rg, 2-0-4; Farrell, rg, 1-0-2. Totals, 18-5-41.

NORTHFIELD — Parsons, rg, 0-0-0; R. Whitney, rg, 0-0-0; Kenney, rg, 0-0-0; Hutchins, lg, 1-0-2; Severance, c, 2-1-5; W. Whitney, rf, 1-1-3; Mello, rf, 0-0-0; Morgan, rf, 0-0-0; Bilmon, lf, 6-2-14. Totals, 10-4-24.

Score by periods: 1 2 3 4
Thayer 10 14 16-41
Northfield 7 4 5 8-24
Referee, Mislun. Time, 8 minute periods.

THAYER GIRLS — S. Brayman, lf, 10-2-2; Caban, lf, 0-0-0; Baker, lf, 2-1-5; M. Byrne, rf, 8-1-17; Brayman, rf, 1-0-2; Zack, cf, 1-0-2; Combs, cg, 0-0-0; Kiley, lg, 0-0-0; Hadlock, lg, 0-0-0; Piper, rg, 0-0-0. Totals, 13-2-28.

NORTHFIELD GIRLS — Mello, rg, 0-0-0; Holton, rg, 0-0-0; Carter, lg, 0-0-0; Browning, cg, 0-0-0; Allen, cf, 2-2-6; Hartford, cf, 0-0-0; Whitney, rf, 5-1-11; Mankowski, lf, 1-0-2. Totals, 8-3-19.

Score by periods: 1 2 3 4
Thayer Girls 8 0 5 15-28
Northfield Girls 4 3 1 11-19
Referee, Messer. Time, 8 minute periods.

Coach Harold McLean has announced additions to the high school basketball schedule for the following dates: Jan. 31, Commuters (Mt. Hermon day students); Feb. 8, Old Timers; March 4, Old Timers; March 8, Commuters. All the games will be played at the Town Hall, starting time 8 p. m. The Commuters will be made up of local day students at Mt. Hermon, while the Old Timers will fill their ranks with old graduates of local schools.

Joe Bilmon has been elected Captain of the boys' basketball team, with Irwin Severance floor captain.

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